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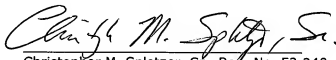
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e), to the extent that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance might be construed in any way to limit the scope of the allowed claims, the applicants respectfully disagree with that Statement. Specifically, for example, it is not necessary to identify any particular claim limitation as absent from the prior art for a claim to recite patentable subject matter. Most, if not all, patentable inventions are necessarily combinations of elements.

Respectfully submitted,



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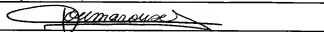
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